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SUBJECT: STATUS OF SFM MATTERS

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1. JOHN, PENDLETON, KIMMEL, KRIDER, GETTIER MET 4 FEB 76  
WITH EMBOFFS GERLACH/LOWRIE. FOLLOWING DISCUSSED:

A. THIRD PARTY LIABILITY INSURANCE: SUCH INSURANCE  
REQUIRED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT. GETTIER WORKING INSURANCE  
REQUIREMENTS USG PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS. KRIDER  
WILL HANDLE ESY PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS.

B. DISCUSSED PROBLEM OF ENTRY INTO EGYPT VIA ISMAILIA AND  
LACK OF CERTIFICATION THEREOF FOR RECORD PURPOSES.  
THIS ITEM DISCUSSED MORE FULLY BELOW.

(C. EMBASSY HAS, BY LTR OF 2 FEB 76, TO GEN.  
GAMASY, REQUESTED APPROVAL OF HF RADIO COMMUNI-  
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CATION BETWEEN EMBASSY AND SFM BASE CAMP (CAIRO 1364).

D. HAS BEEN AGREED THAT ESY PAYMENTS TO LOCAL SOURCES WILL, AS A MATTER OF GENERAL POLICY, BE MADE IN LOCAL CURRENCY.

E. KRIDER TO CONTACT AMEMBASSY 5 FEB 76 AS TO BEST POTENTIAL BANKING SOURCE BASED ON PRESENT KNOWLEDGE. PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS WITH MANUFACTURER'S HANOVER MAY NOT PROVE FEASIBLE DUE TO STATUS AS OFFSHORE BANK DEALING ONLY IN CONVERTIBLE CURRENCY.

F. VARIOUS CONTACT POINTS IN CAIRO HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO PERSONNEL REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF TRANSPORTATION, PORT FACILITIES AND CANAL CROSSINGS REGARDING CONSTRUCTION MODULES. SOURCES FOR VARIOUS OTHER REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED.

2. MEETING 4 FEB 76 WITH MAJ GEN TAHA MAGDUB AND BRIG GEN FARID, SEARLO, COVERED THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

A. DISCUSSED VEHICLE CROSSING ARRANGEMENTS. SFM WILL PROVIDE SEARLO WITH A LIST OF VEHICLES WHICH WILL ORDINARILY BE LISTED FOR TRAVEL INTO EGYPT. WE ARE TO PROVIDE PERMANENT SFM LICENSE NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION OF VEHICLE.

B. WE HAVE REQUESTED THAT THEY PROVIDE US WITH DAY/NIGHT DRIVING PASSES, GOOD FOR 30 DAYS, WHICH WILL PERMIT CLEARED VEHICLE TO TRAVEL TO EGYPT. GEN. MAGDUB EXPRESSED CONCERN WITH NIGHT PERMIT BECAUSE OF UNFAMILIARITY OF DRIVER WITH THE AREA. WE EXPLAINED THE NEED TO TRAVEL AT NIGHT TO TRANSPORT CARGO AND/OR PERSONNEL, MOST OF WHICH WOULD BE GOODS PURCHASED IN EGYPT. HE UNDERSTOOD AND WE BELIEVE THE PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED.

C. GEN. MAGDUB REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES THAT HIS OFFICE WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ISSUING SPECIAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS TO ALL SFM, USG AND CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL WHO ARE OR WHO WILL BE OPERATING AND TRAVELING IN EGYPTIAN AREAS, AND ASKED THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LIST OF ALL PERSONNEL BE SUBMITTED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. THIS GOE IDENTIFICATION PLUS THE SFM PHOTO ID AND DAY/NIGHT VEHICLE PERMIT WOULD PERMIT UNIMPEDED MOVEMENT WITHIN EGYPTIAN AREAS.

D. DUTY FREE ENTRY AND FREE MOVEMENT OF CARGO WAS DISCUSSED. IT WAS AGREED THAT, AS WITH THE UN, ALL GOOD WOULD BE PERMITTED DUTY FREE ENTRY AND TRANSPORT

OF GOOD FROM EGYPT TO SFM BASE CAMP WOULD BE UNCHALLENGED. GEN MAGDUB CAREFULLY NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT GOODS PURCHASED IN ISRAEL WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED ENTRY INTO EGYPT. HOWEVER, HE INDICATED NO OBJECTION TO ITEMS OF US MANUFACTURE ENTERING EGYPT FROM THE SINAI.

E. POL WAS DISCUSSED. GEN MAGDUB WAS INFORMED THAT POL WOULD BE OBTAINED IN EGYPT THROUGH MOBIL. WE DESIRE THAT THE POL SUPPLIER PROVIDE TANK STORAGE AT ONE OF UN CHECK POINTS WHICH PROVIDED BEST ACCESS. IT WAS REQUESTED THAT POL SUPPLIER BE ALLOWED INTO EGYPTIAN ZONE TO SURVEY ROADS AND LOCATIONS. THIS PERMISSION WILL BE GRANTED. WHEN POL OPERATIONS BEGIN THE SUPPLIER MUST PROVIDE SEARLO THE NAMES OF DRIVERS, LICENSE NUMBERS OF VEHICLES AND SCHEDULE.

F. NEED FOR SMALL FIXED WING AIRCRAFT BY SFM AND POSSIBLE FLIGHT ROUTES WERE DISCUSSED. GEN MAGDUB AGREED THAT COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL; HOWEVER, HE CAUTIONED THAT THERE WAS NO DIRECT CORRIDOR BETWEEN ISMAILIA AND CAIRO AND THAT SPECIAL ROUTES WOULD HAVE TO WORKED OUT PRIOR TO INITIATION OF THESE FLIGHTS. CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO AIRSTRIP BETWEEN MITLA EAST AND WEST. AFTER 22 FEB.

3. CONTACT WAS MADE WITH MOBIL OIL EGYPT AND TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS MADE PENDING SURVEY ROADS AND LOCATIONS. ALL TRANSACTIONS WILL BE IN EGYPTIAN POUNDS ALL PRICES UNIFORM AND CONTROLLED BY THE GOVERNMENT. TAX RELIEF WILL BE HANDLED BY USE OF COUPONS WHICH RECOVER TAXES PAID BY MOBIL. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT FINAL AGREEMENT FOR POL WITH MOBIL WILL BE FINALIZED WITHIN WEEK TO TEN DAYS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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4. DOKKI APARTMENT LEASES SIGNED 4 FEB OF THREE UPPER UNITS, TWO WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR OCCUPANCY BY 15 FEB 76 IN CONDITION AS SEEN BY CHRISTIAN. THIRD APT WILL BE READY FOR OCCUPANCY 1 MAR 76. GARDEN CITY APARTMENT FOR THORNE AS SEEN ON 4 FEB 76 BY GETTIER WAS SECURED AND LEASE SIGNED ON EVENING OF 4 FEB. HOSPITALITY KITS FOR THORNE AND CHRISTIAN AVAILABLE FOR TWO OR THREE WEEK PERIOD. TRANSFORMERS OF FAIR QUALITY AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON LOCAL MARKET BUT ADVISE STATESIDE PURCHASE OF 1500 WATT VOLTAGE REGULATORS. WATER FILTERS NOT ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENT HERE. EILTS

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